

*8<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost*  
*July 26, 2020*

**ONE  
PEARL  
of GREAT  
VALUE**



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# **WELCOME**

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## **PRELUDE**

*Wilbur Held*

*Prelude, on ENGELBERG  
When in Our Music God is Glorified*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P:** We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

**P:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C:** **Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**P:** To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

# WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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## ***THE GREETING***

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## ***LITANY FOR SEASON AFTER PENTECOST***

**P:** You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C:** **A people holy to the Lord our God.**

**P:** Keep the words of the Lord in your heart;  
teach them to your children.

**C:** **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

**P:** One does not live by bread alone,

**C:** **But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

## ***HYMN OF PRAISE***



**☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.**



**I. Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;**



**just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.**



**Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?**



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**P:** Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## *A READING FROM 1 KINGS 3:5-12*

R: A reading from 1Kings the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter:

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

R: Word of God, Word of Life:

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## *A READING FROM ROMANS 8:26-39*

R: A reading from Romans the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter:

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

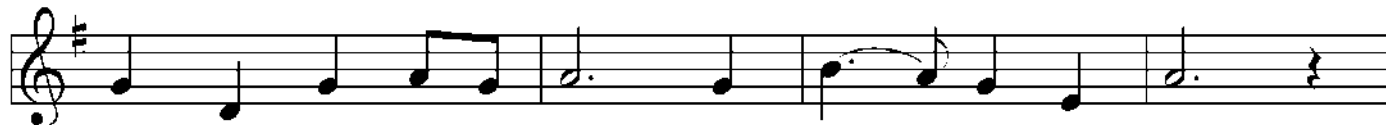
“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

R: Word of God, Word of Life:

C: Thanks be to God!

## ***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52***

P: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.



<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

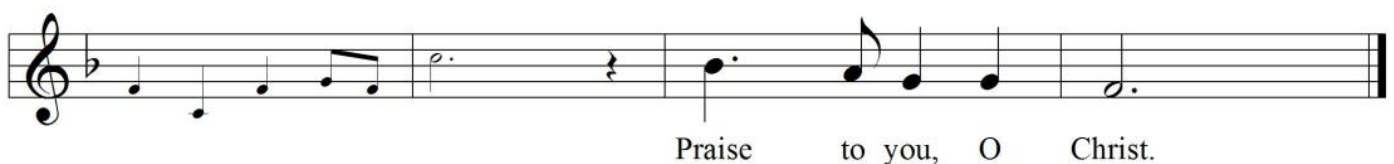
<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P: The gospel of our Lord!



# SERMON

## SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD



1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
3 We do not live by bread alone,



and seek but its and by right you ev - teous shall 'ry - ness, find; word.



and knock that all these things and the door pro - ceeds shall be from the shall be o - pened mouth of - ed un - to you. un - to you. God.



Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia!

# ***THE CREED***

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith expressed through the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# ***ORGAN MEDITATION***

*Douglas E. Wagner*

*LAFFERTY*

*Seek Ye First, the Kingdom of God*

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

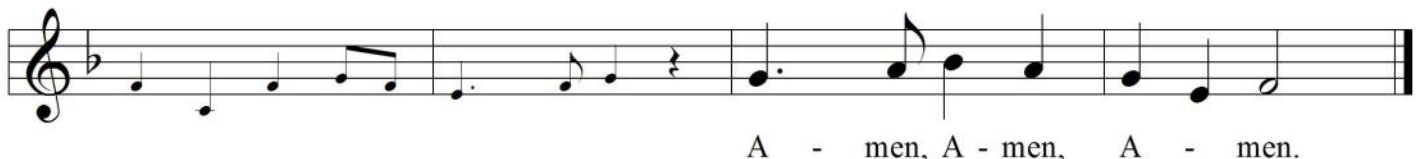
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever. Amen.**

### ***BLESSING***

P: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



# GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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## ***DISMISSAL***

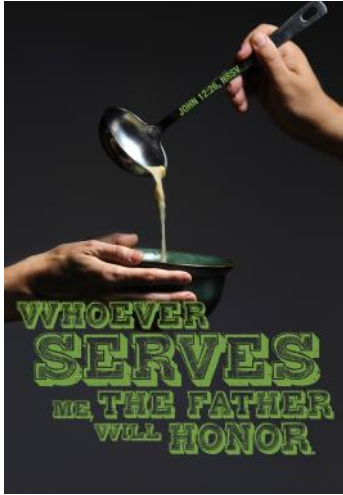
**P:** Go in peace, Christ is with us!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## ***POSTLUDE***

*Paul Manz*

*CWM RHONDDA, Opus 14, No. 1*



First Lutheran has Sharing Kitchen dates in August. We are in need of volunteers on August 17<sup>th</sup> and/or August 20<sup>th</sup>

The request has been made for 2 people at 8:30 and 4 additional people at 10:30.

If you can help, please contact Deb Nominee or call the church office.

We are still searching for Lectors for September.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Bailey or Ruth, in the Church Office.

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"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."